

BIostatISTICS 547/GS01-1023: Survival Analysis

Course Outline, Spring 2018

Lectures: Wednesday, Friday 10:30am-Noon

Location: BSRB S3.8355

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Recommended Readings: (All books have been placed on reserve)

Klein JP and Moeschberger ML. *Survival Analysis* Springer, 2005, Second Edition
Collett, D. *Modeling Survival Data in Medical Research*, Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2014, Third Edition.

Reference Books: *** indicates books to be referenced during the second part

1. Kalbfleisch and Prentice. The Statistical Analysis of Failure Data
2. Hosmer and Lemeshow. Applied Survival Analysis
3. Therneau and Grambsch. Modeling Survival Data
4. Anderson, Borgan, Gill, and Keiding. Statistical Models Based on Counting Processes
5. Philip Hougaard: *Analysis of Multivariate Survival Data*, Springer, 2000 ***
6. Martin Crowder, *Classical Competing Risks*, 2001 ***

Grading:

20% Project, 20% homework, 30% Midterm Exam, 30% final presentation

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TOPIC

1. Introduction to survival analysis and time-to-event data
 - Notation
 - Censoring and Truncation
2. Parametric Methods: Basic Quantities
 - Common parametric models
 - Likelihood theory
3. Nonparametric Methods for One Sample Estimation
 - Product-limit Estimator
 - Nelson Cumulative Hazard Estimator
4. Nonparametric Methods for Two Sample Tests
 - Logrank Test
 - Weighted Tests
 - Stratified Tests
 - Tests for Trend
5. Parametric Regression Analysis
 - Accelerated Failure time model
 - Weibull Regression
 - Log-logistic Regression
6. How to Use R to estimate covariate coefficients under the Cox model, interpretation of parameters, intuitive derivation of partial likelihood, Breslow estimator and model checking
7. Semiparametric AFT model, interpretation of parameter, estimation methods, model checking and R
8. Analyze left-truncation and interval censoring – data, parametric likelihood and semiparametric modeling;
9. Estimation and inference for length-biased sampling; R under Cox model and AFT models

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